

Three types of questions to ask about a passage:

FACTUAL

A factual question is one for which there is only one answer.

Example:

What is the population of India?

How many people in Calcutta live without access to clean water?

How much US taxpayer money is being spent on the war in Iraq?

INTERPRETIVE

An interpretive question is one for which there are many answers, but all those answers must be derived from the reading. These questions are similar to discussion questions you might have in class.

Example:

Why can't the poor farmers in India escape poverty?

What is like to live on \$ 0.55 a day?

Explain the life in a day of a poor teenager in Africa, Asia or Latin America?

EVALUATIVE

An evaluative question is one for which there are many answers, all derived from your own experience. Evaluative questions ask you to make a judgment or a choice.

Example:

Was it right for the United States to invade Iraq?

Who would you vote for?

Are governments or private charities better suited to helping the poor?